

Boulevard Planning Group
MINUTES/SUMMARY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010
Boulevard Fire and Rescue Inc. Training Room, 39919 Highway 94/Ribbonwood

1) CALL TO ORDER at 7:05 PM.

2) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM/ROLL CALL: Members present: Tammy Daubach, Cheryl Lenz, Jeffrey McKernan, Chris Noland, Patricia Stuart, Donna Tisdale (Chair).

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M/S Lenz/Stuart to approve the August 5, 2010 minutes.
Passed: 6-0-0.

4) CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence other than agenda items.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

A. SCOTT PACK'S 150' MET TOWER APPLICATION AT 3055 LA POSTA CIRCLE. CASE NO. 3000-10-23: The project applicant and property owner were not present. Several neighbors of the proposed project location on La Posta Circle were in attendance and raised concerns and objections to the MET Tower application. One couple stated their home was about 1,000 from the proposed MET Tower location and another neighbor said his property was about 1,500 feet away. It was reported that other neighbors had expressed opposition to the MET Tower as well, but could not attend our meeting. The Chair reported that County staff did not think the La Posta Circle site, in the Campo Planning Area, impacted the Boulevard Planning Group. The general consensus was that the installation of a MET Tower on the Coladonato property would be highly visible and would therefore impact residents of the Boulevard Planning Area in and around Miller Valley. There was also general consensus that installation of a highly visible MET Tower, installed to collect wind energy data, would necessitate the full disclosure of a reasonably foreseeable industrial wind energy turbine project to any potential buyers as required by law. It was agreed that existing and proposed MET Towers and industrial wind turbines would result in lowered property values and the installation of industrial wind turbines could result in negative impacts to the health and quality of life for adjacent and surrounding property owners as evidenced by reports from around the world.

List of basic concerns/objections raised:

- General opposition to the proposed MET Tower. No stated support for the project from anyone present.
- Need for a public hearing.
- Concerns that the installer of the proposed MET Tower is associated with two unauthorized MET Towers in Boulevard Planning Area that involved Codes Enforcement action. One enforcement action in Jewell Valley is reportedly unresolved.
- Absentee land owner has alleged financial difficulties, and reportedly unresolved on-site codes violations for clear grading vegetation and multiple house pads without permits.

- Planning Group members were asked to remember that Mr. Pack and Mr. Coladonato had previously attended Boulevard and Campo Planning Group meetings, with industrial wind energy advocates, aggressively claiming they needed a MET Tower for a small personal wind turbine when industrial wind energy is the real plan.
- Requests for more strict requirements for a property owner who has already demonstrated his willingness to violate codes and regulations.
- Concerns with impacts to low-flying Border Patrol helicopters and other aircraft.
- Request that the County confirm notification of the MET Tower Application was provided to Border Patrol Station at 32355 Old Hwy 80, Pine Valley, which has a helipad and hanger. (Notification should also be sent to the Navy Warfare Training facility on La Posta Road).
- New reports indicate set-backs of 1-2 miles for industrial wind turbine projects are needed to protect public health and safety from malfunctioning turbines, noise, and low frequency vibrations. The proposed project site would not allow adequate set-backs from adjacent properties and homes, including one owned by a Border Patrol helicopter pilot.
- Private road access for the project site crosses other private properties and could require widening or other impacts including increased traffic and noise from commercial industrial scale wind turbine projects that will follow the MET Tower.
- It was alleged that the name of the engineer noted in project paperwork is not listed as being registered in California

M/S: Chris Noland/Tammy Daubach: Send a letter to the County requesting a public hearing and address the concerns/objections raised at the meeting. Motion passed: 6-0-0 (Seat 6 confirmation is pending by the BOS).

B. COUNTY REQUEST TO REMOVE/TRIM DEAD TREES AT LIVE OAK SPRINGS:

There was no objection to the removal or trimming of large dead and damaged trees located at the to eliminate potential impacts to roadways.

M/S Stuart/McKernan to approve the removal/trimming of the dead trees at the listed locations. Passed 6-0-0.

C. REPORT ON COUNTY PARK & REC MEETING TO GATHER PUBLIC INPUT:

Daubach and Stuart attended the August 10th meeting. The meeting discussed new ways to fund the parks mostly related to reducing obesity and the \$18 fee on vehicle registrations. At the moment, there will be no impacts to the Boulevard Planning Group area. The next meeting is November 29th.

6.UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A. GENERAL PLAN, COMMUNITY PLAN, PLANNING GROUP ALTERNATIVES: The August 19th meeting with Dianne Jacob was not successful in finding alternatives to Planning

Groups. None of the groups represented believed there were any viable alternatives. There were proposals for liability insurance for Planning Groups and for smaller Planning Groups.

B. SDG&E'S BOULEVARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING: The next Boulevard Meeting is expected to be held in October. SDG&E is waiting for the Department of Forestry's appealed decision. They will try to hold the next meeting in the Boulevard Fire Dept.'s Training Room. Todd Voorhees will schedule the meeting.

C. SUNRISE POWERLINK, ECO-SUBSTATION, TULE WIND, ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ: Cameron Durckel, SDG&E Representative for the Public Affairs Office in Alpine, informed the audience that the Public Affairs Office will be open three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday) to take any questions from the public. His cell phone number is 858-472-6323. He can be reached on his cell phone at any time. The office is located at 2806 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine. The office phone number is 877-775-6818.

The joint PUC and BLM Draft EIR/EIS for Tule Wind, ECO Substation, and Energia Sierra Juarez is expected out for public comment in late August or early September. Friends of Tule Wind are hosting a dinner on September 9th at the Campo Community Center. All who want to attend must RSVP. The formal project website with official documents is located at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/ECOSUB/ECOSUB.htm>

D. BOULEVARD REVITALIZATION REPORT: Chief John Francois is waiting for final clearance on the training room. Chief Francois will be meeting with Planners Lenz and Tisdale to hang up the photographs that were donated by Bill Parsons. He has requested donations for a microwave, refrigerator, and coffee pot. The Revitalization Committee is requesting donations and donated time and labor to help repair the Oak Knoll sign in front of the Post Office.

7. PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: a) A document containing financial records from the Boulevard Fire Dept. was available for public review. b) The Manzanita Tribe put in a request for 10 additional homes to be built. No significant impacts were found. c) The Fire Safe Council will be meeting at the Boulevard Fire Dept. Training Room at 6:30 PM on September 27th. d) Chris Noland mentioned some traffic problems on his new private road. e) The Border Patrol stated that approximately \$30 million in funding was approved for the new Border Patrol facility on the north side of Interstate 8, east of Ribbonwood Rd. Construction should start mid-2011 and completed in 2012. Straub Construction from North County was awarded the construction contract. No design has been submitted at this point. Agents Marzec and Soule will be attending all the planning and design meetings for the new facility and will make sure that the lighting issues are addressed. They are sure that an agreement can be reached with the Astronomy department on Dark Sky protection issues.

8) ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Minutes are submitted by Tammy Daubach, Secretary.

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